

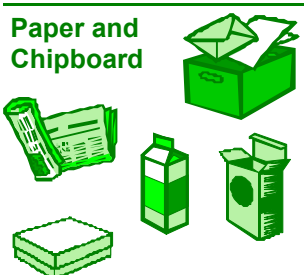
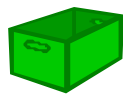





# Westford Recycles Your Recycling Guide

July 2005 – June 2006

## Curbside Recycling Program

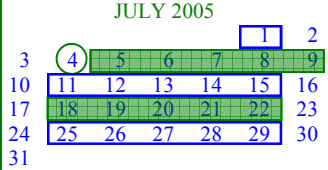
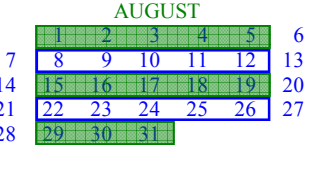
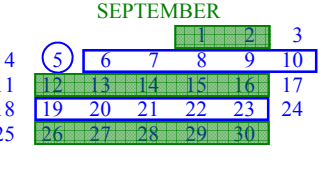
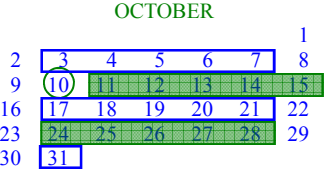
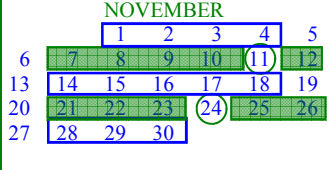
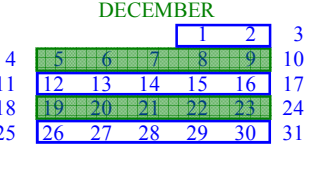
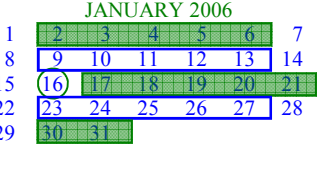
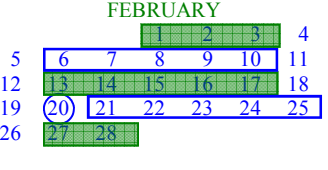
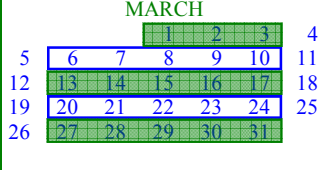
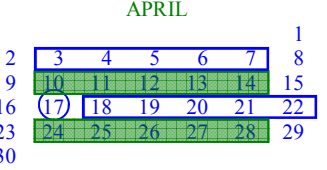
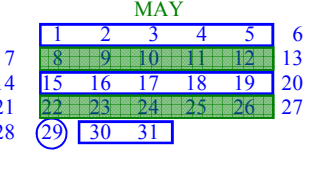
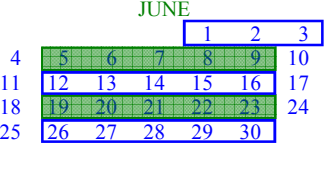
Place recycle items out at your curb by 7:00 a.m.

Material	What to Recycle	How to Prepare	Do NOT Include
<b>Paper and Chipboard</b> 	<b>Paper and Chipboard:</b> Newspapers, including advertising supplements. Magazines, catalogs, mail, colored, school, FAX, office, and computer papers, paperback books and telephone books. CLEAN cereal, shoe-type boxes, milk and juice cartons.	Pack in paper bags (no plastic handles), or cardboard boxes. Remove straws and plastic rings from pour openings of juice containers. Place on top of other items in the bin.	Plastic bags, spiral bound notebooks, hardcover books, carbon paper, plastic, soiled tissues, soiled paper towels or napkins, waxed paper or plastic coated paper (like Tyvec).
<b>Cardboard</b> 	<b>Cardboard:</b> Corrugated cardboard.	<b>Flatten</b> and fold cardboard into bundles no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet so that it will fit into the opening of the recycling truck.	Soiled pizza boxes, or boxes with foil. (Any food or grease remaining in a pizza box makes it unacceptable.)
<b>Glass</b> 	<b>Glass:</b> CLEAN bottles and jars, clear or colored, deposit or non-deposit.	Remove all lids and caps. Remove all metal and plastic neck rings. Rinse clean. Labels may be left on.	Broken glass, dishes, Pyrex, crystal, caps, corks, lids, mirrors, window glass, or light bulbs.
<b>Metal</b> 	<b>Metal:</b> CLEAN aluminum and steel (tin) cans and lids.	Rinse clean. Flatten aluminum cans to save space. Labels may be left on.	Cans with any plastic or paper parts, oil-based paint cans, auto parts, aluminum foil, baking pans, scrap metal, or propane cylinders.
<b>Plastic</b> 	<b>Plastic:</b> CLEAN PETE 1: soda bottles, salad dressing and cooking oil bottles, and HDPE 2: milk and water jugs, detergent bottles, orange juice containers.	Remove caps. Rinse clean. Flatten to save space. Labels may be left on.	Plastic caps or lids, Styrofoam, plastic bags, plastic wrap, toys, oil and antifreeze containers, any container not clearly marked recycle 1 or 2.

## 2005-2006 Collection Calendar

Collections are every other week on your regular trash collection day.

GREEN bins are collected during weeks highlighted in **GREEN**; BLUE bins are collected during weeks boxed in **BLUE**.

<b>JULY 2005</b> 	<b>AUGUST</b> 	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 	<b>OCTOBER</b> 
<b>NOVEMBER</b> 	<b>DECEMBER</b> 	<b>JANUARY 2006</b> 	<b>FEBRUARY</b> 
<b>MARCH</b> 	<b>APRIL</b> 	<b>MAY</b> 	<b>JUNE</b> 

## Holiday Schedule

Whenever a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collections for the week will be delayed one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday. Holidays are circled; they are: Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day. Because Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year, there is no change in the collection schedule for those weeks.

## Why Recycle?

Residents are required to recycle because Westford's trash is incinerated and state environmental regulations prohibit anything that can be recycled from going to the incinerator. This means residents cannot put any recyclable items in their trash; if you do, the town's trash collector may leave the trash uncollected. Recycling bins and **Westford Recycles** information flyers are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall (Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., 978-692-5515).

## How to Recycle — It's Easier Than You Think!

Recycling requirements have changed over the years making it easier for you to take part. Simply put rinsed glass, metal, and plastic items together in your recycling bin. Pack paper, chipboard, and small cardboard boxes into paper bags, or cardboard boxes that can be stacked and easily lifted. Place on top of other items in the bin. Make sure large cardboard boxes are flattened and folded into bundles that are no larger than 3 feet x 3 feet so that it will fit into the opening of the recycling truck. Place recycle items out at your curb by 7:00 a.m. Separate recycle items from trash by several feet so it is clear what is for recycling and what is for the trash collector. If items are not acceptable, they will be left behind with a reject sticker to explain why the items were not collected.

## Composting

**Earth Machines** are available for \$32.00 thanks to a State environmental agency project. Call a Westford Recycling Commission member at 978-692-5483.



## Household Hazardous Waste

**Westford Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day:** Fall, 2006 – Watch for details in the mail.  
**Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site, Lexington.** Holds one collection on the third Saturday of the month from April to November. Fee. For details, call the Lexington Health Dept. 781-862-0500, ext. 237, or the Town Clerk's Office (978-692-5515), Town Hall, Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.



## Special Collection Events for the Town of Westford

Date	Special Collection Event
September 24, 2005	<b>Electronics Collection</b> at the Blanchard School, 14 West Street, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fees vary.
October 15, 2005	<b>Brush Collection</b> at the Day School, E. Prescott Street, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Free.
October 22, 2005	<b>Brush Collection</b> at the Day School, E. Prescott Street, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Free.
March, 2006	<b>Electronics Collection</b> Fees vary. Watch for exact date and details. See <i>More Information</i> .
April 22, 2006	<b>Town-wide Litter Cleanup</b>
April 22, 2006	<b>Brush Collection</b> at the Day School, E. Prescott Street, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Free.
April 29, 2006	<b>Brush Collection</b> at the Day School, E. Prescott Street, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Free.
Fall, 2006	<b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection</b> – Watch for details in the mail.

## What Can I Do With These Other Materials?

Please note that the fees indicated in the following text are subject to change from the time this publication was printed.

### Appliances and Bathroom Fixtures

Washers, dryers, water heaters, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, gas grills, sinks, toilets, and bathtubs.  
**Atlas Recycling** Monthly pickup. Fee. To arrange pickup, call Town Clerk, 978-692-5515

**Perry Hauling** Fee. 978-266-2626

**WeGetRidOfIt** Open seven days a week. Free estimates. 1-866-952-8400

[www.wegetridofit.com](http://www.wegetridofit.com)

### Automobiles

It's tax deductible.

**Special Olympics of Massachusetts**  
1-800-590-1600

**The National Kidney Foundation Car Campaign** 1-800-488-2277

### Batteries

**ALKALINE:** Throw away in trash.

**AUTOMOBILE:** Take to **AutoZone**, in Chelmsford or downtown Lowell.

**BUTTON TYPE:** Collected at: **MacKay Hardware, Cameron Senior Center, Westford Town Hall.**

**LITHIUM:** Save for **Household Hazardous Waste Collection.**

**NICAD RECHARGEABLES:** Take to any **Radio Shack.**

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES FOR MOBILE ELECTRONICS** (cell phones, PDAs, pagers): Take to **Staples, Inc.**

### Books and Media

Books rejected by Fletcher Library, CDs, DVDs, VHS and cassette tapes, video games. Take to the container at the Water

Dept., 60 Forge Village Road. Self-serve.

### Brush and Branches

**UP TO 3" IN DIAMETER:** No branches larger than 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length. Only reasonable amounts accepted, including yard cleanup. No land clearing debris (roots and bushes), building materials (fences and boards), leaves, or grass clippings. No poison ivy. Proof of Westford residency required.

See *Special Collection Events*,

**Brush Collection.**

**UP TO 6" IN DIAMETER:** Take to **Community Tree Service,**

163 Billerica Road, Chelmsford. Fee. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Sat., 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 978-256-0341

### **Building Materials and House Fixtures**

Kitchen cabinets, countertops, bathroom vanities, sinks, faucets, tubs and enclosures, windows (no lead paint), doors (interior, exterior, storm), dimensional lumber, moldings, plywood and sheet rock (full sheets), flooring (hard wood, sheet vinyl, ceramic tile), carpeting and carpet tiles, electrical light fixtures and electrical equipment.

**Building Materials Resource Center (BMRC)** Roxbury. Fee: \$25 - \$50. Pickup service with two weeks notice. 1-617-442-8917

[www.bostonbmrc.org](http://www.bostonbmrc.org)

**Perry Hauling** Fee. 978-266-2626

**WeGetRidOfIt** Open seven days a week. Free estimates. 1-866-952-8400

[www.wegetridofit.com](http://www.wegetridofit.com)

### **Cardboard**

Moving boxes that are in excellent condition.

**Benezra Boxes** 1-781-646-8734

[www.benezraboxes.com](http://www.benezraboxes.com)

Reusable cardboard boxes.

**The UPS Store** 174 Littleton Road, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-7 p.m.,

Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 978-692-1110

For large amounts you can rent a dumpster. For arrangements and fee information call

**Integrated Paper Recyclers, LLC**

Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 1-781-933-3013 (If no answer, leave a message.)

### **Cell Phones**

MOBILE ELECTRONICS: Cell phones, PDAs, pagers. Take to **Staples, Inc.** Free. See *Special Collection Events, Electronics Collection.*

### **Christmas Trees**

Collected by the Westford Firefighters Association. Watch for collection dates in early January. Donation: \$5/tree. To arrange pickup, call 978-392-0028. Put trees out at curbside by 7 a.m. with all ornaments and tinsel removed, and the payment check attached.

### **Computers, Computer Monitors, and Peripherals**

Donation information is available at the following web site:

[westford-ma.gov/generalinfo/recycle/non\\_curb\\_recycle.htm](http://westford-ma.gov/generalinfo/recycle/non_curb_recycle.htm)

Or, see *Special Collection Events, Electronics Collection.*

### **Construction Debris**

**Agrotech, A Division of Deloury Industries** Asphalt, brick, and concrete

only. Fee. 978-475-8153

**J.R. Pacella** Asphalt, brick, and concrete only. Fee. 978-692-3532

**Perry Hauling** All construction debris. Fee. 978-266-2626

**WeGetRidOfIt** Open seven days a week. Free estimates. 1-866-952-8400  
[www.wegetridofit.com](http://www.wegetridofit.com)

### **Electronics**

Cameras, cell phones, copiers, electronic test equipment, fax machines, postage meters, printers, projection televisions, radios, stereo components, surveillance equipment, telephones, VCRs, and video equipment.

See *Special Collection Events,*

**Electronics Collection.**

MOBILE ELECTRONICS: Cell phones, PDAs, pagers. Take to **Staples, Inc.**

### **Furniture**

**Home Goods Recycling Ministry (HGRM)** Acton. 978-635-1763 [www.hgrm.org](http://www.hgrm.org)

**Salvation Army** Must be clean; no rips or bad stains. Pickup service with four weeks notice. 1-800-958-7825

**Perry Hauling** Fee. 978-266-2626

**WeGetRidOfIt** Open seven days a week. Free estimates. 1-866-952-8400

[www.wegetridofit.com](http://www.wegetridofit.com)

### **Household Items**

Clothing, shoes, toys, small appliances. Pack in plastic bags. Please do not leave items outside bins.

**New England Clothes Recycling**

Collection bins are located at Abbot and Blanchard Schools, Westford Exxon, and on Concord Road at the Rt. 495 overpass.

**Planet Aid** Collection bins are located at Brooks Pharmacy, Littleton Road, and L'il Peach, Main Street.

**Home Goods Recycling Ministry (HGRM)** Acton. 978-635-1763 [www.hgrm.org](http://www.hgrm.org)

**Perry Hauling** Fee. 978-266-2626

### **Laser and Inkjet Cartridges**

Information is available at the following web site: [www.recycle4cash.com](http://www.recycle4cash.com)

Or, take to **Staples, Inc.**

**The UPS Store** 174 Littleton Road, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-7 p.m.,

Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 978-692-1110

### **Latex Paint**

Not considered hazardous waste. Use kitty litter or crumpled newspapers, or paint hardener (available at a hardware store) to absorb liquid. Let dry out and then put into trash.

### **Lawn Mowers**

For latest information call Town Clerk, 978-692-5515

### **Leaves and Grass Clippings**

Take to **Laughton's Nursery** 31 Lowell Road, Westford. Fee: \$1/bag.

Open Mar. 16 - Dec. 15, site road conditions permitting. Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Xmas trees Jan.-Feb. only if purchased from Laughton's; all ornaments and tinsel must be removed.

### **Mercury Thermometers and Thermostats**

Take to **Health Department Office,** Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Westford. Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Or, save for **Household Hazardous Waste Collection.**

### **Motor Oil**

**Center Fire Station** any Sat., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Donation: \$1/gallon.

**Whitney's Service** 105-107 Main Street. Fee: \$1/gallon. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 978-692-7093

**AutoZone** 57 Drum Hill Road, Chelmsford. No fee, and you keep the container. 978-453-2300

### **Oil-based Paint**

Save for **Household Hazardous Waste Collection.**

### **Packing Materials**

Clean styrofoam "peanuts" and other clean packing material, like bubble wrap. Take to

**The UPS Store** 174 Littleton Road, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 978-692-1110

### **Propane Tanks**

**MacKay Hardware** 224 Littleton Road, Westford. Fee: \$5 Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 978-692-3346

### **Televisions**

**Atlas Recycling** Monthly pickup. Fee: \$30 To arrange pickup, call Town Clerk, 978-692-5515

**WeGetRidOfIt** Open seven days a week. Free estimates. 1-866-952-8400

[www.wegetridofit.com](http://www.wegetridofit.com)

Or, see *Special Collection Events, Electronics Collection.*

### **Tires**

Without rims, put into trash.

**WeGetRidOfIt** Open seven days a week. Free estimates. 1-866-952-8400

[www.wegetridofit.com](http://www.wegetridofit.com)

### **Yard Debris**

Land clearing debris (roots and bushes) and building materials (fences, boards, and pressure treated lumber).

**Perry Hauling** Fee. 978-266-2626

**WeGetRidOfIt** Open seven days a week. Free estimates. 1-866-952-8400

[www.wegetridofit.com](http://www.wegetridofit.com)

### **Problems with Recycling Pickup:**

Call **Integrated Paper Recyclers, LLC**

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. **1-781-933-3013**

If there is no answer, leave a message and they will return your call as soon as possible.

### **Problems with Trash Pickup:**

Call **ACME Waste Systems**

Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. **1-781-935-6339**

If there is no answer, leave a message and they will return your call as soon as possible.

**General Recycling Questions:** Call a **Westford Recycling Commission Member** Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

If there is no answer, please leave a message; we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Andy 978-692-1582, Barbara 978-692-5177, Elizabeth 978-692-0314, Ellen 978-692-2039, or

Gerry 978-692-9137 or, send e-mail to Gerry at [cacgdb@yahoo.com](mailto:cacgdb@yahoo.com)

### **Your Efforts Make a Difference!**

Last year, Westford collected more than 2650 tons of glass, cans, plastic, and paper. If that tonnage had gone with our trash to the incinerator in North Andover, it would have cost \$370,000. You have helped to keep our environment safe and to keep the cost of trash disposal down. Keep up the good work!

Westford Recycling Commission  
55 Main Street  
Westford, MA 01886-2551

PRESORTED STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Westford, MA 01886  
Permit #12



CURRENT RESIDENT  
WESTFORD, MA 01886

### **Bulk Items**

A \$5.00 sticker must be placed on large household items that you want taken away with the rest of your trash. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE APPLIANCES!** See appliance information under *What Can I Do With These Other Materials?* Bulk items are those that are too large or heavy for your trash can; items not usually found in your weekly trash from wastebaskets; items longer than 4 feet. Examples: mattresses and /or box springs, chairs, couches, tables, bicycles, carpet, and so forth. (Note that one mattress and one box spring require only one sticker.) You may buy stickers at the following locations:

**L'il Peach**, 103 Main Street or Brookside Road

**Market Basket**, 160 Littleton Road

**Nabs One Stop Shop**, 60 Brookside Road

**Town Hall**, 55 Main Street

**Towne Convenience**, 221 Groton Road

**Westford Market & Liquor**, 6 Carlisle Road

Or, write to the Town Clerk, 55 Main Street, Westford and include a check payable to "Town of Westford" with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

### **More Information**

Announcements are made on the local cable channel, in the Westford Eagle and on the Westford Calendar, [www.westford.com](http://www.westford.com)

More information on recycling in Westford is available at the following web site:  
[westford-ma.gov/generalinfo/recycle.htm](http://westford-ma.gov/generalinfo/recycle.htm)

General recycling information is also available at the Massachusetts DEP web site:  
[www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/recycle.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/recycle.htm)

